

**REMARKS**

Prior to this paper, claims 1, 4-31, 34-36, 39-45 and 47-51 were pending. By this paper, Applicants do not cancel any claims, and add claims 52-67. Therefore, 1, 4-31, 34-36, 39-45 and 47-57 are now pending..

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance for at least the reasons that follow.

**Identification of Related Applications**

This Application claims priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/482,374 (from which U.S. Patent No. 7,166,174 issued). It is Applicants' opinion that claims 1 and 24-30, are supported by the subject matter in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/482,374.

**Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 1, 3-31,<sup>1</sup> 34-36, 39-45 and 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Soens (U.S. Patent No. 4,664,971) in view of Applicant's very own disclosure (page 5, lines 21-26 of Marandel (EP 0 953 651)) and Everett (U.S. Patent No. 2,050,298) or Webber (U.S. Patent No. 3,379,000). Also, claims 1, 3-5, 9-11, 13, 15-17, 21-30, 36, 39-45, 49, 50, and 51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rivas (U.S. Patent No. 5,904,980) in view of Applicant's very own disclosure (page 5, lines 21-26 of Marandel). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection as to the claims above, and submit that these claims are allowable for at least the following reasons.

The claims are not obvious for at least the reasons detailed in Applicants' prior Response of September, 2007, and for the additional reasons which will be detailed in the next paper Applicants' file.

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<sup>1</sup> Note claim 3 was cancelled in a prior Response, and thus was not pending at the time of the current Office Action.

**Conclusion**

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Examiner Gray is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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